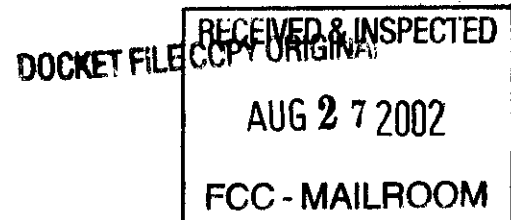




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**COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF WORLDCOM, INC.  
TO PARTIALLY DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF  
WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES RESOLD ON THE CINGULAR  
WIRELESS NETWORK**

**WC Docket No. 02-215**

**Comments due: September 4, 2002**

On August 19, 2002, WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom"), on behalf of certain of its subsidiaries that provide mobile wireless services, WorldCom Wireless, Inc. and MCI Wireless, Inc., filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"), requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>1</sup> and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules,<sup>2</sup> to discontinue WorldCom's offering of resold mobile wireless services carried on the Cingular Wireless ("Cingular") network to some of WorldCom's mobile wireless resale customers provided service via the Cingular network.

WorldCom requests discontinuance authority because it is in the process of exiting the business of providing resold wireless communications services, and it intends not to provide resold mobile wireless service carried on the Cingular network to customers after September 20, 2002. WorldCom states that substitute services are available from other mobile telephony providers, as well as Cingular, in the relevant regions. Thus, WorldCom asserts, the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by this discontinuance of resold wireless service in these states.

WorldCom estimates that it provides resold wireless services to 375,000 customers in twenty-three states and the District of Columbia utilizing the Cingular network.<sup>3</sup> WorldCom intends to transfer approximately 300,000 of these customers to Cingular. The customers to be transferred are not the

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.71. Under the Commission's rules, commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers are not required to seek authority to discontinue service. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 20.15(b)(3). WorldCom states that it filed the subject application both out of an overabundance of caution and to provide customers greater notice than is required by the Commission's rules. Section 63.71 Application, filed August 19, 2002, by WorldCom Inc., at 1 n.1. For further information on procedures regarding Section 214, please visit [http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other\\_adjud](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud).

<sup>3</sup> WorldCom requests authority to discontinue resold wireless service to certain customers in the following markets: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C.

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